

## WORKMAN SHOT AT STRIKERS

Young Ironworker Discharges Revolver in Shopping District at Men Who, He Said, Had Threatened Him.

MEN HAD HOUNDED HIM, SAYING THEY'D KILL HIM.

Arraigned for Carrying a Revolver Without a Permit—No One Appearing Against Him, Prisoner Is Discharged.

Charged with carrying a revolver without a permit, Barton Richardson, an ironworker, eighteen years old, was arraigned today in the Jefferson Market Court. The trivial charge was made because no complainant appeared against him to have him punished for discharging the revolver at a number of men yesterday afternoon on Sixth avenue, near Fourteenth street, at a time when the streets were filled with women shoppers.

The men at whom Richardson directed his revolver were not anxious to prosecute the case. They were striking ironworkers, men who had formerly given a violent helping hand to notorious Sam Parks. Richardson, convinced that his life was in danger, used the revolver. The former ally of Parks, ready as they were to use their fists and clubs, showed their discretion at the sacrifice of valor and ran away faster than the women and children in the streets.

In court Richardson told his story of persecution. "For many days," he said, "these men have been threatening me with bodily harm unless I should quit work. I refused to do that because my family needed my support. They are dependent upon me, and I had to work to get them food. These men kept at me all the time, hounding me with their threats, even going so far as warning me that they would kill me."

"Twice on my way home they attempted to assault me, but I escaped them. While leaving the building, which is on the corner of Sixth avenue and Fourteenth street, I noticed last night a crowd of men in wait for me. With a friend, who is likewise an ironworker trying to support his family, I started to go to my home. These strikers came after us, and we ran for some distance to try to escape them. They knocked my friend down, and as he had a revolver he drew it. It was useless in his hands, and I grabbed it from him. Then I fired. Later I was arrested."

The Magistrate pondered for a moment and said:

"Prisoner discharged."

## NO ROW AMONG THE SCIENTISTS

Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson's Friends Indignant Over Story that She Is Trying to Supplant Mother Eddy.

NO TROUBLE WHATEVER, SHE WARMLY DECLARES

Fine Church Which Was Erected in Central Park West Through Her Efforts Will Be Dedicated To-Morrow.

Christian Scientists, not only of the First Church, but all over the city, are expressing indignation to-day over the anonymous and groundless attack printed in most of the morning papers on Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, until a year ago first reader of the First Church and still a recognized and devoted leader.

A continuous line of carriages containing her many influential friends stopped at Mrs. Stetson's home, No. 2 West Eighty-second street, to-day, their occupants dropping in to assure Mrs. Stetson of their friendship. Her telephone was busy all day burdened with similar messages.

The greatest surprise was that the papers would publish such an anonymous attack on the woman who came here as the personal representative of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, who was so ardent and devoted to her faith and her precepts that among her own friends she raised a cash fund of \$1,250,000 to build the First Church of Christ, Scientist, which is to be dedicated to-morrow at Central Park West and Ninety-sixth street, and who has the affection of all.

**Attack on Mrs. Stetson.** This attack said that there was great friction which threatened to disrupt the First Church; that Mrs. Stetson posed as a dictator and arrogant leader and condemned her policy in refusing to join with the other churches in a downtown reading room.

"I wish to say in the first place that there is no friction between Mrs. Eddy and myself, nor is there any friction in the First Church," Mrs. Stetson declared to-day to an Evening World reporter. "Could the people in the Church help but respect a woman who has devoted seventeen years of her life to their interest and who for sixteen years served as the pastor in their pulpit, who served the people as a physician, sitting day and night with the sick, attending to their every want, and one who has given of her own money \$50,000

## MRS. AUGUSTA E. STETSON AND THE NEW CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH, TO BE DEDICATED TO-MORROW.



Augusta E. Stetson. First Church of Christ, Scientist, view from Central Park.

for the erection of the edifice which is to be dedicated to-morrow as a monument to Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy.

"In every church there must be a pastor—a leader. I have only been out of the pulpit as first reader one year. I am still a teacher in the Institute, however, and a leader in the church."

"There is absolutely not one bit of friction among the congregation nor one dissenting voice. We all love and revere Mrs. Eddy, our leader. Is it not ridiculous to suppose that there is trouble among a congregation of 1,200 because in the past year seven insignificant members have dropped out of sight?"

"These seven have gone on their own volition. They were not office-holders, nor influential persons. We all know what was the matter with them. The person who instigated the publication of this malicious attack on Mrs. Stetson evidently wants Mrs. Stetson's place. This man, whoever he may be, knows there is not one truth in the statement he has given the newspapers."

"If the other six are behind him in this movement, why does not at least one of them have the moral courage to come out in the open?"

**Followed Mrs. Eddy's Advice.**

"About this reading room in which other churches have joined, it was at Mrs. Eddy's request that the members of our church remained by themselves. Our reading rooms are most magnificent and Mrs. Eddy showed her wisdom in requesting us not to abandon these beautiful rooms that had cost a tremendous amount of money for a small room down town. These other churches have no reading rooms of their own so

of course, they united on a room in the central part of the city."

"To show how little credit can be given to any statement made by this anonymous person I might say that I went in my own carriage down to Forty-second street looking at halls and rooms. I selected one and even got \$500 a year off in the rent. Then they moved down to Twenty-third street."

"When our rooms were completed Mrs. Eddy wrote to me to use them for the accommodation of the residential portion of the city and to let the others attend the downtown reading rooms. 'This attack is nothing but the sifting of the chaff from the wheat. These people—the seven, I mean—who have dropped out, could not remain longer in the church. They know, as all others in the congregation know, that I am the most devoted and most humble student of Mrs. Eddy. I admire her great individuality, her wonderful ability and devotion to Christian Science.'

"This church which is to be dedicated to-morrow is built as a tribute to her, to immortalize her."

**Only Malice Behind It.**

"Perhaps the seven persons who dropped out in the last year did so because they thought they would be called on to contribute toward the erection of Mrs. Eddy's monument, which cost \$1,250,000. Why don't they come and complain to me, as the rules of the church prescribe? I repeat that I can see nothing in this attack but malice and envy."

Mrs. Stetson's sincerity and devotion to the cause has never been doubted by the loyal members of the church. One

instance of her great influence was the building of the First Church, probably the most magnificent edifice in the city. She was the personal superintendent. She watched almost every stone go into its place. The church was her plan and she built it.

Although other buildings in the city were tied up by labor strikes Mrs. Stetson's perseverance and devotion caused that work to go right along. While it was built as a monument to Mrs. Eddy it stands equally as the monument to Mrs. Stetson and her faith.

**Defense of Mrs. Stetson.** A member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, who is conversant with the conditions out of which the attack on Mrs. Stetson have grown, made this statement:

"The growth of the First Church within a few years from small beginnings to the place of the leading church of the organization in numbers and wealth occupying a million-dollar edifice and having a membership of 1,200, is due to the energy and executive capacity exhibited by Mrs. Stetson. No other of Mrs. Eddy's lieutenants has made a better demonstration, to use the Science term, of her problem. Success has marked her work to a greater degree than has been vouchsafed to any other avenue of the faith. Yet no reader has maintained a more unswerving allegiance to the leader. Love and loyalty have gone out from her and from her congregation to Mrs. Eddy. And in the material matter of cash a larger sum has been contributed to the mother church in Boston by this congregation

than of any other. I doubt if any other church has undergone a stricter discipline of literal and spiritual adherence to Mrs. Eddy's doctrines than has been insisted on at the First Church. "The animus of the antagonism now directed against Mrs. Stetson has its source in the discontent of a few who feel that they have not been advanced in the church as fully as their own estimate of their merits would justify. It is a mean and petty antagonism. Of all these malcontents there are in the large congregation not ten all told."

When Mrs. Stetson reached the church to-day she found many of her sympathizers friends waiting for her. She grove up in a carriage, having just left a patient whom she had been attending. From the reading room her friends rushed out into the vestibule to greet their leader. Mrs. Stetson said in answer to their words of sympathy:

"I did not mind anything which was said about me except that I aspired to Mrs. Eddy's place. The idea that a student should aspire to take the place of her teacher is ridiculous. It is so absurd that it is hardly worth talking about."

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## KIDNAPPED PRIEST TO RESUME WORK

Announcement Is Made that Father Cirringione Will Return to His Congregation in the Bronx.

Father Joseph Cirringione will soon resume his work as priest at Williamsbridge, according to a statement made

to-day by his father. The young churchman was taken quietly from St. Vincent's Hospital to the home of his family, at No. 300 West Seventeenth street, where he is surrounded by his family, brothers and sisters. All are well and determined to resist any effort to kidnap him again.

Father Cirringione is still too ill to be seen. He retired as soon as he reached his father's house, and the physician has called several times. A steady improvement has been noted, and it is expected that it will be only a short time until he is fully restored to health.

He asked his father to tell the press that he had no disposition to prosecute the men who kidnapped him. Although the Mafia has promised to let the priest alone, no chances are being taken, and until he is well he will be closely guarded.

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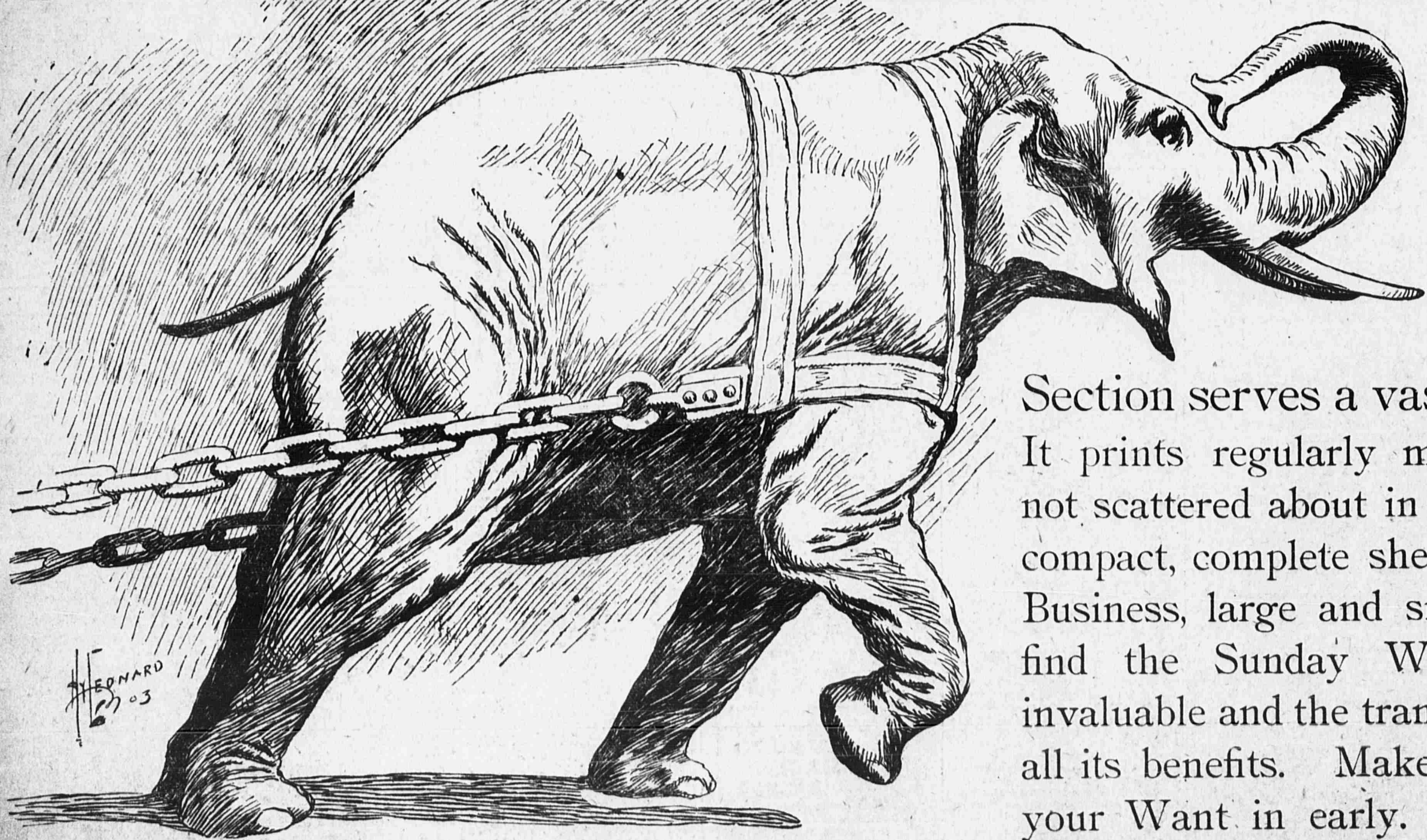
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